

Proust Questionnaire



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How did you get involved in international arbitration? Academically, I had a course on Investment Arbitration at Universidad de las Américas Puebla; professionally, as an Associate at Wöss & Partners, I had a construction case under the Arbitration Center of Mexico (CAM) Rules of Arbitration, and the tribunal accepted our claims awarding damages to our client.

What is your favourite virtue? Humility

What are your favourite qualities in another person? A positive mind, and being kind and respectful.

What is your chief characteristic? To find calm and strength in the middle of the storm.

What is your main fault? I devote so much time to details.

What is your favourite occupation? Professionally: my job; academically: writing articles; sports: crossfit & yoga.

What is your idea of happiness? To have the best attitude towards every situation you encounter.

What is your idea of misery? To have no friends, no compassion and no love for the others.

If not yourself, who would you be? António Vitorino, the International Organization for Migration's Director General

Where would you like to live? In Miami, because I started at Hogan Lovells Miami Office and I find that city full of energy and great vibes. The weather is unique, except when a hurricane comes.

Who is your favourite prose author? Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (1648-1695), the "Mexican Phoenix". She was the first feminist of the Americas and a self-taught scholar. She had the courage to challenge opinions and speak out about her beliefs on the standards of Mexico's colonial period. My favourite piece is Respuesta a Sor Filotea de la Cruz (1651).

Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction? Thor

Who is your hero in real life? Martin Luther King Jr.

What historical person do you most dislike? Nicolás Maduro, current President of Venezuela, he has harmed so many Venezuelan people.

What is your favourite name? Diego

What do you hate the most? Arrogance, a proud look.

What is your natural talent? Dancing, I was born to dance.

What is your favourite arbitration-related decision? *Abaclat v. Argentina*. It drastically changed the face of investment arbitration. The lack of special rules to conduct collective claims did not defeat counsel representing the bondholders. The majority decision on jurisdiction and the dissenting opinion of Georges Abi-Saab have influenced my career and encouraged me to think out of the box. I have lectured on this topic several times and written a couple of articles in English and Spanish.

Who is your favourite arbitrator? William W. Park. He was my mentor in the Young ICCA Mentoring Programme and he has deeply inspired my career with his manifold publications. *Arbitration in Autumn* is one of my favorites.

Who is your mentor? From my law firm: Richard C. Lorenzo, his advice “NEVER GIVE UP!” From Young ICCA: William W. Park and Donald F. Donovan. Donald was also my investment arbitration Professor at NYU.

What is your motto? “Don’t stop believing!”

What do you hope to contribute to Young ICCA as co-chair? To keep promoting the values of the institution and disseminate its existence among young practitioners in the Americas, where few know about Young ICCA.